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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR NASA INVITATION TO NIGERIA

REF: STATE 163231

AS AUTHORIZED IN REFTEL US DELOFF MET WITH MACAULAY, NIGERIAN REP TO OSC, ON JULY 1 TO REPLY TO NIGERIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING SOUNDING ROCKET RANGE IN NIGERIA. MACAULAY TOOK DETAILED NOTES ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. US WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE KNOWLEDGEABLE, CIVILIAN SCIENTISTS OR TECHNICIANS FOR TALKS WITH NASA OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON ABOUT NIGERIAN PLANS. NASA OFFICIALS PREPARED TO CONSIDER COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. NIGERIAN SIDE COULD FACILITATE MEETING PLANNING BY SENDING, IN ADVANCE, A LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES AND A LIST OF TOPICS THEY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS. NASA COULD THEN CONSIDER THE INTEREST AREAS, COMMENT ON THE LIST, AND BE FULLY PREPARED FOR TALKS. VISIT SHOULD OPEN WITH NIGERIAN PRESENTATION OF VIEWS AND GOALS, PREFERABLY WITH SOME DETAIL OF PROGRAM OR PROJECT PLANS.

3. IN PREPARING FOR VISIT, NIGERIAN SIDE SHOULD HAVE IN MIND BASIC GUIDELINES OF COOPERATIVE SPACE PROJECTS IN

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WHICH NASA ENGAGES:

A. THERE SHOULD BE DESIGNATION OF CENTRAL CIVILIAN
GOVERNMENT AGENCY AS POINT OF CONTACT.

B. THERE WOULD BE NO EXCHANGE OF FUNDS CONTEMPLATED.

C. EACH SIDE MANAGES ITS OWN ACTIVITIES, JOINT ACTIVITIES
UNDER JOINT MANAGEMENT.

D. EACH SIDE HAS FULL RIGHT TO PUBLISH RESULTS.

E. PROJECTS MUST HAVE SCIENTIFIC MERIT AND NOT BE
DUPLICATIVE OF EARLIER OR PARALLEL PROGRAMS.

4. MACAULAY WAS VERY PLEASED BY RESPONSE. WHEN ASKED
WHETHER OR NOT OTHER DELS HAD REACTED TO NIGERIAN REQUEST,
MACAULAY SAID QUOTE NO, ALMOST NOTHING. ONLY THE FRENCH
DELEGATION GAVE ME SOME LITERATURE IN FRENCH ABOUT FACILITIES
IN OUAGADOUGOU, BUT I'VE NOT HAD TIME TO STUDY IT. UNQUOTE

5. OTHER DELEGATIONS NAMED IN MACAULAY SPEECH, I.E., UK,
SWEDEN AND CANADA, HAVE NOT TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE REACTED
IN ANY WAY. IN REPLY TO UK DEL INQUIRY, UK INFORMED OF
SUBSTANCE OF US RESPONSE.

6. COMMENT: IT REMAINS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER MACAULAY
ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. IF THIS WAS PERSONAL INITIATIVE,
IT MAY NOT BE HEARD OF AGAIN.
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